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SUBJECT: COURIER SERVICE ACROSS JORDAN RIVER

REF: AMMAN 1776

1. APRIL 17 IS JEWISH HOLIDAY (FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER) AND BRIDGE CLOSED ON ISRAELI SIDE. SUGGEST COURIER COME APRIL 16 AND RETURN AS PLANNED APRIL 18.
 2. EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW NAMES OF TWO OFFICERS SERVING AS COURIERS EACH TIME AT LEAST FOUR WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE, I. E. BY COB WEDNESDAYS FOR TUESDAY CROSSINGS.
 3. WE DO NOT CONCUR IN REQUEST FOR CONGEN JERUSALEM VEHICLE TO MEET FIRST FEW POUCH RUNS AT BRIDGE. PRACTICE OF HAVING CONGEN VEHICLES PICK UP AND RETURN TO BRIDGE OFFICIAL VISITORS COMING FROM JORDAN HAS CAUSED NO DIFFICULTIES. BUT WE ARE CONCERNED THAT INVOLVEMENT OF CONSULAR VEHICLES IN POUCH ARRANGEMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED ON ISRAELI SIDE AS DIPLOMATIC NOT CONSULAR COURIER RUN, COULD LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDING WITH GOI.
 4. ROUTE FROM BRIDGE TO JERUSALEM IN ANY CASE IS CLEARLY MARKED, WITH NO ROUTING ERROR POSSIBLE. TO ASSIST AMMAN OFFICERS UNFAMILIAR WITH CITY ITSELF IN FINDING CONGEN, WE ARE SENDING DETAILED JERUSALEM STREET MAP WITH EMBOFF BUTTON, WHO ARRIVING AMMAN APRIL 13. WE FURTHER SUGGEST THAT TWO AMMAN OFFICERS COMING ON INITIAL RUN INCLUDE ONE WHO
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FAMILIAR WITH JERUSALEM. IN EVENT OF ANY ROUTING
DIFFICULTY IN JERUSALEM, AMMAN COURIERS SHOULD STOP AT
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL OR ANY OTHER JERUSALEM LANDMARK AND TELE-
PHONE CONGEN (223491) FOR RENDEZVOUS.

5. FOR FUTURE SCHEDULING REFERENCE, EMBASSY WILL FORWARD AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE LIST OF JEWISH AND ISRAELI HOLIDAYS FOR REST OF
CALENDAR YEAR ON WHICH BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED.
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